

Regimental Command Sergeant Major

Greetings to all Dragon Warriors!

Warriors: The commandant and I are very proud of the hard work you do for our Nation each and every day. You dedicate your lives to the welfare of this great Nation, and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Although we have completed the “Year of the NCO,” the Chemical Corps has many other initiatives on which we continue to build. I am very concerned that we are not getting our NCOs into NCO academies in a timely manner. I need the help of our leaders to get chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) NCOs to the Advanced Leader’s Course and Senior Leader’s Course; we can’t afford a backlog in professional development.

During the past six months, I have had the opportunity to visit CBRN warriors all over the world. One constant that I encountered is the warriors’ drive to improve their units. I spent some time with the CBRN warriors who are serving in the great U.S. Army Pacific organization. I observed how they have integrated their assets and training to support consequence management missions. And Tanya and I participated in some great community activities and social events with our CBRN families. We are so proud to serve with them. While visiting our great team at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, I saw the “graduate level” of our profession. I encourage everyone to get out to Dugway Proving Ground and take a look at this great training facility. During my visit to Fort Carson, Colorado, I spent a day with the Dismounted Reconnaissance Mobile Training Team, which was training a reconnaissance platoon for deployment. (Team: If you have a mobile training team requirement, please contact Ms. Barbara Kilthau at (573) 596-4928 or <barbara.kilthau@us.army.mil>; we will make the training happen.)



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While visiting Fort Hood, Texas, I attended a great company change-of-command ceremony hosted by the 2d Chemical Battalion. The commandant and I just returned from a visit with the 20th Support Command (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosives), which was participating in a joint exercise with other Services and our Republic of Korea counterparts. We visited with the 48th Chemical Brigade and are very proud of how well they are doing.

I also had the opportunity to attend the annual Civil Support Team/Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosives Materials Enhanced Response Force Package Commander’s and First Sergeant’s Conference. What a great event! Our teammates are doing a great job of supporting the consequence management mission in each state. I spoke with the first sergeants and updated them on what we are doing in the Corps.

In the last few months, CBRN training has drastically improved. This improvement is due to the current threat and to the desire of engaged leaders to get the best from our CBRN warriors. Please continue your efforts to improve your foxhole; we want to get better each and every day.

I look forward to seeing all of you during Regimental Week, which will be held at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, 21–25 June 2010. We will conduct the first team-oriented CBRN Warrior Competition during Dragon’s Peak. The competition will focus on the technical side of our profession. I am very anxious to see how various teams from across the Chemical Corps do in this difficult competition.

I am very proud of all of our Civilians, Retirees, Families, Friends, and the CBRN Warriors. The commandant and I see the future of the Corps as challenging and inspiring.

Warriors: Again, thank you for what you do each and every single day. Be safe, and invest in the Corps.